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The Eastern men's basketball team had just seven players available in an 87-74 loss Tuesday.

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Ceramic series



Sam Wilson (left), a senior 3D studio major, and Andrea Schaefer, a senior graphic design major, work on a vessel throwing on a pottery wheel for their Ceramics 2 and 3 classes. "The assignment is to get the fundamentals down on how to use the wheel and making sure each piece is cohesive to its series," Wilson said.

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Student Gov. results to be announced Wednesday

By Corryn Brock
News Editor | @corryn_brock

The Student Senate will announce the unofficial results of 2021 Special Senator Election at its first meeting of the semester Wednesday at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Chad Rosenblum, a junior criminology major, and Blake Minor, a freshman business major, both students who are involved with the Election Commission of the Special Election, will be in attendance during the audience participation to announce the results.

The nine candidates for the senator positions are:

- Prabin Karki
- Muhammad Ibrahim
- Kassandra Amaya
- Jessica Johnson
- Francesco Romano
- Kate Alexander
- Subodh Khanal
- Seth Yeakel
- Marcus Powell

Videos of Karki, Amaya, Romano and Yeakel can be found on the senate's Instagram account to learn more about the platforms they are running on.

Benjamin Drake, a Residence Hall Association National/Illinois Communications Coordinator, will also speak to the senate at that time.

During the meeting the new senators

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'I Am Not Your Negro' discussed by students Tuesday

By Elizabeth Taylor
Associate News Editor | @DEN_news

Students and faculty met Tuesday evening to discuss "I Am Not Your Negro," a film about civil rights leaders Malcolm X, Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King Jr.

The movie, which came out in 2017, highlights the personal experiences of those figures, and intends to highlight the struggles of the civil rights movement and contrast them to modern day.

This event was an installment in the ongoing series of MLK Jr. programming that Eastern's Civic Engagement and Volunteerism office is presenting this semester.

Anna Fishbein and Sophie Cieslicki, both graduate students studying college student affairs, led the discussion with prepared questions.

The opening questions mostly regarded the actual content of the film and what new information the viewers had gained from watching it.

Nora Kollar, a graduate student studying college student affairs, said she felt it opened her eyes to information that she might have already known, but hadn't really understood.

"I learned a lot of things that I felt like I should've learned in grade school," Kollar

said. "I didn't even think about Martin Luther King and Malcolm X not being on the same page of things."

The conversation moved onto the perspective offered by the film; rather than a purely objective standpoint, "I Am Not Your Negro" included anecdotal experiences from James Baldwin, the author of the book it was based on.

Multiple attendees said they found the movie difficult to watch because of the subject matter.

"It was hard to watch but that's how our parents and grandparents might have grown up," Fishbein said.

Cieslicki agreed, but said it was important to watch anyway.

"I had to address whether that was my privilege," Cieslicki said. "I'm a white person so I could look away, but for those Black people, it was their reality."

Jackie Hirn, a graduate student studying college student affairs, said that this sense of discomfort should be used as motivation.

"I just think that this movie, these images, these books, if they make us uncomfortable, they can't JUST make us uncomfortable," Hirn said. "We have to do something about it, because how does it feel for the person on the other end while we just sit there and watch?"

"I learned a lot of things that I felt like I should've learned in grade school. I didn't even think about Martin Luther King and Malcolm X not being on the same page of things."

-Nora Kollar, graduate student

The attendees also discussed how they were educated about each of the three men discussed in the film.

The general consensus appeared to be that while most attendees had learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., they didn't know very much about Malcolm X or Medgar Evers.

Beth Gillespie, the director of Civic Engagement at Eastern, said she felt that this was because MLK Jr. advocated less disruptive methods to win civil rights.

"I feel like white people used the MLK movement, was used to villainize the Black Panthers," Gillespie said.

The group also discussed how things have changed or remained the same since the 1950s and 60s.

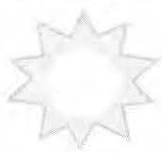
Catie Witt, a graduate student studying college student affairs, said that history classes made her feel like the Civil Rights Movement was much further in the past than it actually was.

"I saw a picture of one of the marches with MLK in color and I think it made a point that we really haven't come as far as everyone seems to say," Witt said.

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GOP largely votes against Trump impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans voted overwhelmingly Tuesday against moving forward with Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial, making clear a conviction of the former president for "incitement of insurrection" is unlikely.

In a 55-45 procedural vote, the Senate set aside an objection from Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul that would have declared the impeachment proceedings unconstitutional. That means the trial on Trump's impeachment, the first ever of a former president, will begin as scheduled the week of Feb. 8. The House impeached him two weeks ago for inciting deadly riots in the Capitol on Jan. 6 when he told his supporters to "fight like hell" to overturn his election defeat.

Yet the support of 45 Republicans for declaring the trial invalid indicates that there are long odds for Trump's conviction, which would require the support of all Democrats and 17 Republicans, or two-thirds of the Senate. While most Republicans criticized Trump shortly after the attack, many of them have rushed to defend him in the trial, showing the former president's enduring sway over the GOP.

"If more than 34 Republicans vote against the constitutionality of the proceeding, the whole thing's dead on arrival," Paul said shortly before the vote. Paul said Democrats "probably should rest their case and present no case at all."

The senators took oaths Tuesday to ensure "impartial justice" as jurors in the trial, proceedings that will test Republican loyalty to the former president for the first time after the deadly siege at the U.S. Capitol.

Many Republican senators, including Paul, have challenged the legitimacy of the trial and questioned whether Trump's repeated demands to overturn Joe Biden's election really constitute "incitement of insurrection."

So what seemed for some Democrats like an open-and-shut case that played out for the world on live television is running into a Republican Party that feels very different. Not only are there legal concerns, but senators are wary of crossing the former president and his legions of followers. Security remains tight at the Capitol.

On Monday, the nine House Democrats prosecuting the case against Trump carried the sole impeachment

charge of "incitement of insurrection" across the Capitol in a solemn and ceremonial march along the same halls the rioters ransacked three weeks ago.

The lead House prosecutor, Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, stood before the Senate to describe the violent events of Jan. 6 — five people died — and read the House resolution charging "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Republicans came to Trump's legal defense.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, asked if Congress starts holding impeachment trials of former officials, what's next: "Could we go back and try President Obama?"

Besides, he suggested, Trump has already been held to account. "One way in our system you get punished is losing an election."

For Democrats the tone, tenor and length of the trial so early in Biden's presidency poses its own challenge, forcing them to strike a balance between their vow to hold Trump accountable and their eagerness to deliver on the new administration's priorities following their sweep of control of the House, Senate and White House.

U.S. announces restoration of relations with Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.S. President Joe Biden's administration announced Tuesday it was restoring relations with the Palestinians and renewing aid to Palestinian refugees, a reversal of the Trump administration's cutoff and a key element of its new support for a two-state solution to the decades-old conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Acting U.S. Ambassador Richard Mills made the announcement of Biden's approach to a high-level virtual Security Council meeting, saying the new U.S. administration believes this "remains the best way to ensure Israel's future as a democratic and Jewish state while upholding the Palestinians' legitimate aspirations for a state of their own and to live with

dignity and security."

President Donald Trump's administration provided unprecedented support to Israel, recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv, slashing financial assistance for the Palestinians and reversing course on the illegitimacy of Israeli settlements on land claimed by the Palestinians.

Israel captured east Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 war. The international community considers both areas to be occupied territory, and the Palestinians seek them as parts of a future independent state. Israel has built a far-flung network of settlements that house nearly 700,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Jerusalem since their cap-

ture in 1967.

The peace plan unveiled by Trump a year ago envisions a disjointed Palestinian state that turns over key parts of the West Bank to Israel, siding with Israel on key contentious issues including borders and the status of Jerusalem and Jewish settlements. It was vehemently rejected by the Palestinians.

Mills made clear the Biden administration's more even-handed approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Under the new administration, the policy of the United States will be to support a mutually agreed two-state solution, one in which Israel lives in peace and security alongside a viable Palestinian state," he said.

Biden administration to boost vaccine supply amid shortages

The Biden administration is boosting purchases of coronavirus vaccines to deliver enough to protect 300 million Americans by the end of the summer, as it surges deliveries to states for the next three weeks following complaints of shortages and inconsistent supplies.

President Joe Biden announced the surge in deliveries to states Tuesday, along with the news that the federal government is purchasing an additional 100 million doses each of the two approved coronavirus vaccines. With existing purchases, the White House expects to be able to deliver enough of the two-dose regimens to states to vaccinate 300 million people.

"This is enough vaccine to vaccinate

300 million Americans by end of summer, early fall," Biden said, calling the push to increase supply a "wartime effort."

The purchases from drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna come as the Biden administration is trying to ramp up vaccine production and states' capacities to inject them into arms. Even more vaccine could be available if federal scientists approve a single-dose shot from Johnson & Johnson, which is expected to seek emergency authorization in the coming weeks.

Biden also announced a roughly 16% boost in deliveries to states over the coming weeks, amid complaints of shortages so severe that some vaccination sites around the U.S. had to can-

cel tens of thousands of appointments with people seeking their first shot.

Detailed figures posted on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website Tuesday showed that the government plans to make about 10.1 million first and second doses available next week, up from this week's allotment of 8.6 million. The figures represent doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It was not immediately clear how long the surge of doses could be sustained.

The increase comes amid complaints from governors and top health officials about inadequate supplies and the need for earlier and more reliable estimates of how much vaccine is on the way so that they can plan accordingly.

Biden orders end of federally run private prisons

President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered the Department of Justice to end its reliance on private prisons and acknowledge the central role government has played in implementing discriminatory housing policies.

In remarks before signing the order, Biden said the U.S. government needs to change "its whole approach" on the issue of racial equity. He added that the nation is less prosperous and secure because of the scourge of systemic racism.

"We must change now," the president said. "I know it's going to take time, but I know we can do it. And I firmly believe the nation is ready to change. But government has to change as well."

Biden rose to the presidency during a year of intense reckoning on institutional racism in the U.S. The moves announced on Tuesday reflect his efforts to follow through with campaign pledges to combat racial injustice.

Beyond calling on the Justice Department to curb the use of private prisons and address housing discrimination, the new orders will recommit the federal government to respect tribal sovereignty and disavow discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community over the coronavirus pandemic.

Rittenhouse, mother fixated on social media treatment

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — An Illinois teen accused of killing two people during unrest in Wisconsin and the teen's mom were fixated on social media comments about them in the hours after his August arrest, newly released police video shows.

Police in Antioch, Illinois, on Monday released four hours of video taken after Kyle Rittenhouse turned himself in hours after the Aug. 25 protest in Kenosha, the Chicago Tribune reported. The protest was part of a series of chaotic demonstrations that ensued after a white Kenosha officer shot Jacob Blake, who is Black, in the back seven times during a domestic dispute. Rittenhouse is white.

Prosecutors say Rittenhouse, who was 17 at the time, opened fire during the protest, killing Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber and wounding Gaige Grosskreutz. Rittenhouse faces multiple charges, including intentional homicide. He has argued he was protecting businesses and fired in self-defense. Conservatives have rallied around him, generating enough money to make his \$2 million cash bail.

Cellphone video shows Rittenhouse walking past police in the moments after the shootings, his rifle slung over his shoulder and his hands in the air. Officers let him go, and he turned himself in to police in his hometown of Antioch the next day.

Virtual event on Transversing Spaces held Tuesday afternoon

By Ryan Meyer
Staff Reporter | @DEN_news

A virtual discussion called "Transversing Spaces: Increasing Empathy, Understanding, and Equity Cross Colors" was held Tuesday afternoon.

It was one of three sessions with Dr. Carole Collins Ayanlaja, Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership.

The intentions of the course, according to Eastern's Academy of Lifelong Learning's description, are to "review the history of race in our country, offer opportunities for learners to delve into self-identity and grow more competent in understanding how their identity has been shaped, how it impacts their perceptions of others, and others' perceptions of them."

The way to understanding each other begins with understanding one's self, Ayanlaja said.

"I say we start with understanding ourselves, because as we understand ourselves, we begin to understand one another and create those opportunities for those pathways to transverse," Ayanlaja said. "But the key of that notion of transversing is understanding that it comes from so many different angles."

Ayanlaja went on to list some synonyms of "transverse," such as shift, negotiate and bridge.

She also guided the discussion accompanied by a PowerPoint and encouraged participation in discussions



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Carole Collins Ayanlaja speaks during an event called "Transversing Spaces: Increasing Empathy, Understanding, and Equity Cross Colors" on Tuesday afternoon.

from the attendees.

"When we think about identity, we have to understand people's context," Ayanlaja said. "We have to begin to understand why they may think the way they think so we can understand why they fear what they fear."

Ayanlaja also said that while social class is part of the country's divide, race is one of the biggest indicators of social class status.

"People of color have not had the access and the entry," Ayanlaja said. "Now we could say today that, 'Well look at those Black athletes, look at those Black entertainers.' Yes, we know that. We know that America

is often defined by the Michael Jacksons, the Beyoncés, the greatest players, the Jordans and some of the recent players. But we know those are anomalies, we also know that the divide of people of color economically in this country is very much so evident. And we know that when we talk about the one-percenters, 99 percent of the one-percenters are white, of European descent."

The right environment is necessary in order for groups to be able to celebrate each other, Ayanlaja said.

"Having pride in lineage and being able to identify the importance of that doesn't take away from an-

other group, it allows for us to celebrate one another, but only if we're in an environment that is mutually inclusive," which Ayanlaja said has not been the American story.

"The American story has been about alienating and annihilating non-Western European ideologies," Ayanlaja said. "And thus we are at the point where we are today."

The previous meeting involved the importance of respecting and understanding others' stories, Ayanlaja said.

"Many people of color have felt very, very much marginalized by those in the majority, in the power majority, white folks who say 'Oh, it's not racism, oh you're playing the race card,' instead of asking more questions to identify why people feel the way they do," Ayanlaja said.

Interspersed throughout the discussions were stories of Ayanlaja's and other participants' family history and experiences.

The meeting concluded with Ayanlaja introducing the topic for the final "Transversing Spaces" session and posing a question for the participants to consider.

"So I'm going to leave you kind of with that, what internal checkpoints can we establish to limit implicit bias on the road to embracing our next topic, diversity," Ayanlaja said.

The third and final session will be held Feb. 2.

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will go through their orientation.

Orientation includes meeting procedures, senate requirements and expectations, committees, diversity requirements, office hours and event planning for the senate.

Included in the consent agenda is the appointment of two students.

Ashley Bartley, a senior exercise science major, will be appointed to the Student Dean Advisory Council.

Paige Thing, a freshman political science major, will be appointed to the senate.

Reports given during the meeting will include an adviser report from Ceci Brinker and a graduate report from Shawn Hammers.

Executive reports will be given by:

Student Body President, Noorul-Haash Khamisani, a senior English major

Executive Vice President, Michael Perri, a senior political science major

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Justin Richards, a senior digital media technology major

Vice President of Student Affairs, Skylar Coffey, a graduate student studying political science

Interim Speaker of the Senate Report, Richards

No committee reports will be given during the meeting.

The next senate meeting will be held Feb. 3.

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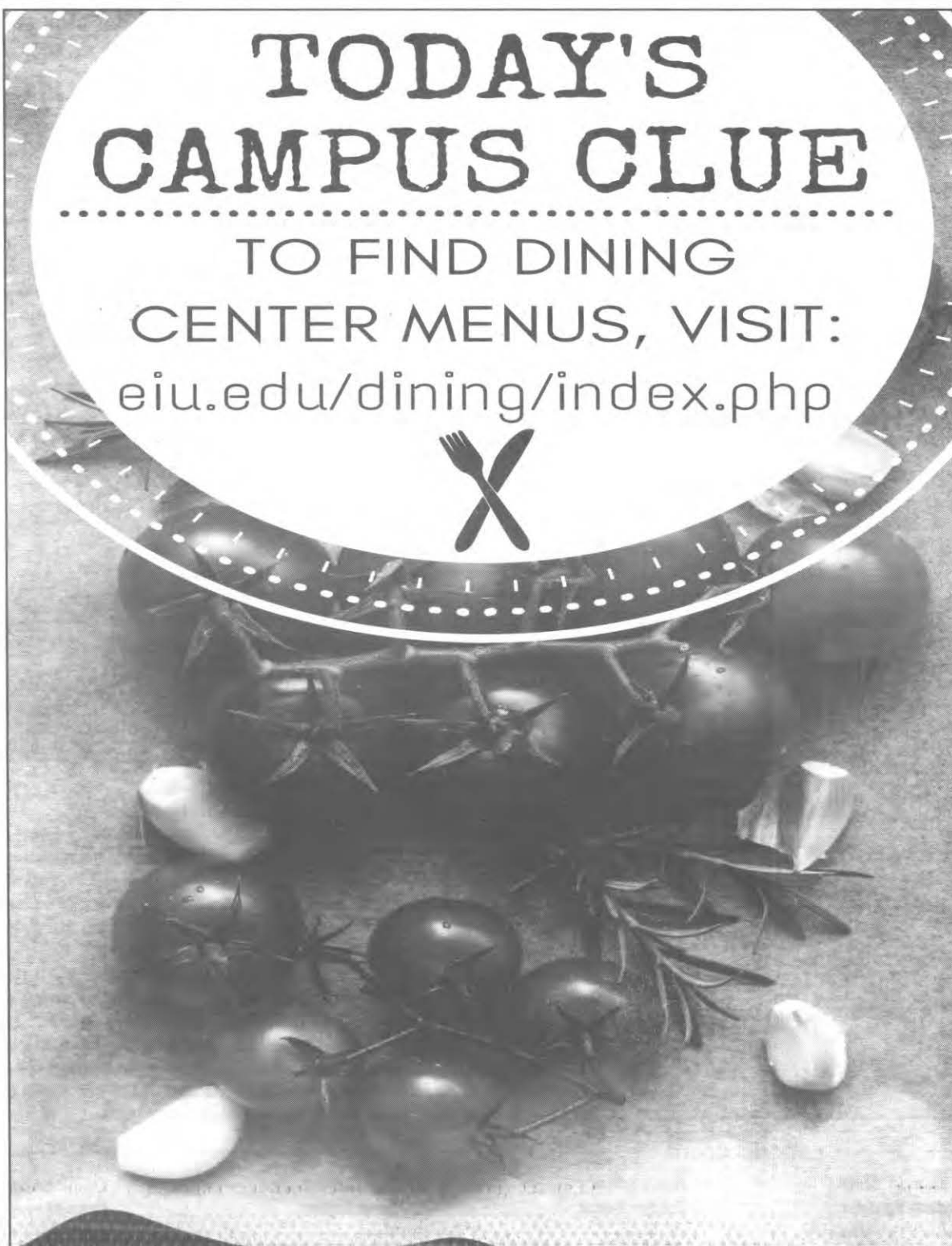
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Baron leaves behind rich legacy in journalism

Marty Baron has announced he will be retiring from his over 40-year-long journalism career at the end of February.

Baron's career will leave a long-lasting mark on journalism and will be remembered for his contributions to the production of incredible news pieces over the years that will be remembered for years to come.

The most notable work he was involved with is the investigation of the Catholic Church that led to the discovery of the church cases of sexual assault. The story broke while Baron was the editor-in-chief of the Boston Globe.

His ability to lead his staffs through years of important and sensitive news, especially in a time when journalism is needed more than ever, is something to be admired.

We at The Daily Eastern News know what it means to have a strong editor to have your back when you're just starting out or working on your first big stories. We all have our own Marty who has led and mentored us during our time here.

We hope that Baron's legacy of fantastic leadership continues on well after his retirement in those who have worked alongside him over the years.

Marty Baron's dedication to good, honest news is something we hope we can emulate as professionals and we look forward to seeing the leaders he has helped shape begin leading a whole new generation of journalists.

Quote of the Day:

"However vast the darkness, we must supply our own light."

Stanley Kubrick

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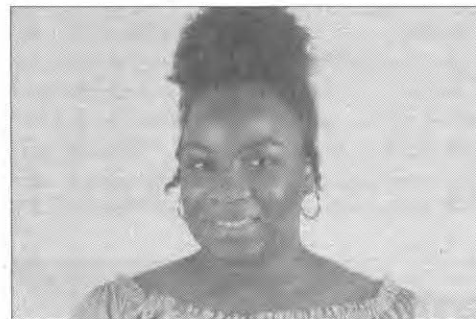
Inaugural poet Gorman an inspiration

The big event of last week was the long-awaited inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. News of Biden's first acts of the president, the impressive display of peacoats, and Bernie Sanders' meme-worthy mittens have taken over the media. There are so many things to talk about from that day, but for me, the highlight was not the swearing-in of our nation's new leaders, but the inspirational words from the inaugural poet, Amanda Gorman.

Amanda Gorman made history as the youngest inaugural poet at 22, as she performed an original composition titled "The Hill We Climb." The Harvard graduate has a history of speaking up on issues of racism, police brutality, and the incarceration of migrant children.

She was the first national youth poet of Los Angeles at the age of 19 and is set to publish her first book, a children's book titled "Change Sings" in September of this year.

She is the first person to announce their run for president in 2036 and has many other



Destiny Blanchard

achievements. First Lady Jill Biden is a fan of Gorman's work and convinced the inaugural committee to pick her to deliver the inaugural poem.

Gorman's poem was recited with confidence and in a moving tone. She spoke about loss and lack of justice within our country. She referred to us as a "nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished," and called for an effort to forge unity between all people regardless of differences. She recalled how we grieved, hurt,

and became tired as a people but came to grow, hope, and try harder to fortify a future worth waiting for. Her message overall is clear; there are lingering feelings of hurt and fear among us, but there is an opportunity for us to rise above it all.

I find so much inspiration in Gorman's words and aspire to be as driven and eloquent as she is. Who she is as a person and her performance at the inauguration embodies the grace that is held by the many other inspirational women that watched her speak.

It's symbolic for her to have performed in the presence of former First Lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Harris, who like her are both Black women who broke the barriers that kept people like them from having such high positions and status. I invite anyone who hasn't watched her performance to do so and to take in the importance of her message.

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Eastern's testing system needs to be fixed

I don't know where to begin. Eastern, what are you doing? Earlier this semester, students and faculty were notified that Eastern paired up with the SHIELD Program, although only 500 students and faculty are going to be randomly selected each week to be tested.

"Everyone's participation is intensely encouraged" and individuals will be entered into a \$25 drawing for the bookstore! Give me a break EIU.

It turns out students who have not been randomly selected are still able to sign up and get tested through the SHIELD Program.

A few students I have spoken to explain they were unable to get tested at the clinic because they did not have symptoms regardless of being in contact with someone with COVID-19. These students decided to get tested through SHIELD instead.

This is too upsetting. Through my personal experience, I had a rumble with the medical clinic, I was told "we don't just test anyone." I had to explain I was exposed and even then they were still being harsh about



Karina Delgado

testing.

This has happened to other students on campus and sometimes they get turned away due to having no symptoms.

I do not understand because if a student is willing to drop \$40 to be tested, then this student needs to be tested. This situation is leaving students desperate enough to sign up for SHIELD, a program made for 500 random people, and getting tested even when they were not selected.

I am not blaming the medical clinic, I understand staff needs to be harsh due to

limited testing. The medical clinics are doing what they were told to do. I would like to thank them for the effort and helping students and faculty during these hard times.

Although what I am blaming is the system we have here. President Glassman and the administration, I am talking to you.

We need to have a better system. If students are signing up through SHIELD, then what is the point of \$40 testing? If a broke college student is desperate to drop money at the medical clinic, then let them test.

Not everyone has a car to get tested at Sarah Bush. People do not want to expose others to catch a ride either. As students, the university holds us at high standards. Students need to have everything together in order to succeed. President Glassman and the administration, why can you not do the same?

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Representative Mary Miller is Unfit to Serve and Must Resign

Whereas, by invoking the methods of Adolf Hitler, Representative Mary Miller advocates indoctrination, not genuine education in which children are encouraged to think critically and be broadly exposed to multiple perspectives and points of view, and

Whereas, her reference to Adolf Hitler is unacceptable for someone elected to national political office in a pluralistic, democratic society, given that Hitler was a genocidal tyrant who ruled by terror and presided over the torture and murder of millions of children, women, and men he considered to belong to inferior races, rather than the “Aryan master race,” including: Jews, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Roma, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and anyone who questioned or resisted Nazism, and

Whereas, under Hitler, youth were indoctrinated to turn their parents in to the authorities for not toeing the party line or simply raising questions about the government, and

Whereas, in addition, by making reference to the Hitler Youth, Mary Miller not only advocates indoctrination but sends a signal of support to hateful Nazi sympathizers and right-wing Christian white supremacists, giving her implicit approval to their thuggish acts of violence and intimidation and their open embrace of fascist authoritarianism over democracy, and

Whereas, by denying that President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-president-elect Kamala Harris won the presidential election, Mary Miller spreads a pernicious lie about the existence of

massive voter fraud, while providing no evidence that such fraud exists and dismissing the evidence provided by election officials at all levels and from both political parties that the election was secure and legitimate, and

Whereas, at the same time, Mary Miller gives cover to laws and practices that aim to suppress the votes of poor people and minorities by imposing confusing and unnecessary identification requirements, spreading false information, and inequitably and inadequately distributing polling places, and

Whereas, furthermore, in spite of the fact that poverty and voter suppression undoubtedly diminished the vote of poor People of Color, who strongly favored Biden and Harris, nonetheless Biden and Harris won by an overwhelming margin in both the popular vote and the Electoral College, and

Whereas, in voting to challenge the duly certified elections in Arizona and Pennsylvania, Mary Miller committed a breach of the social contract that undergirds our democracy by seeking to disenfranchise millions of citizens in a cynical attempt to have her preferred candidate installed as President of the United States, and

Whereas, by the words, actions, and behaviors listed above, Representative Mary Miller has clearly shown that she seeks to impose her belief system on the nation by authoritarian means, rather than providing a vision that can unite our nation behind solutions to the pressing problems facing our country;

Therefore be it resolved, that Mary Miller is unfit to serve as our Representative in the U.S. Congress. We call on her to immediately resign.

Be it further resolved, that we call upon the leaders of the Republican party in our 15th district, as well as those citizens who continue to support Mary Miller’s reprehensible views, to soberly consider the values their support reflects. We hope they will join us in calling for her resignation.

Respectfully,
Concerned Citizens of the Fifteenth District

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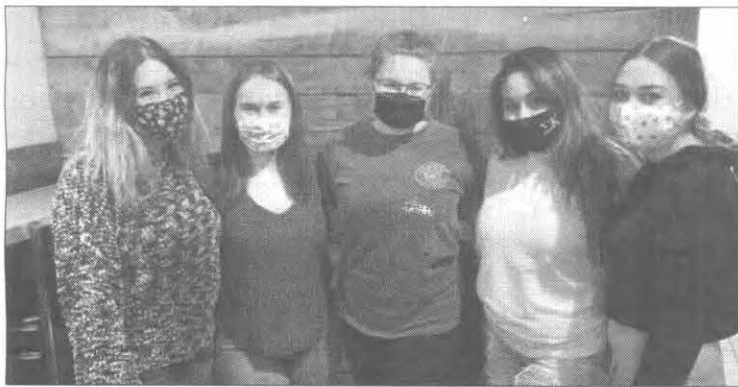
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National Hobby Month

Some Eastern students share their hobbies for National Hobby Month, which is celebrated in January.



"In this picture I (center) am with some of the women on the Panhellenic Executive Board, which I am also a part of as the VP of Community Service." - Natasha Koenig, freshman



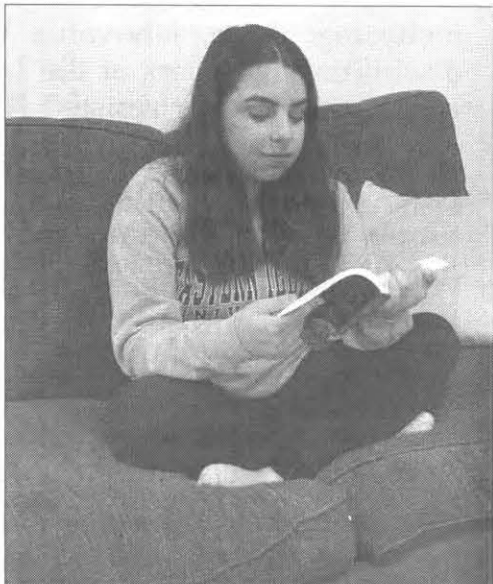
"Getting all glammed up makes me feel like a Barbie when it comes to picking out my favorite outfit to deciding what makeup should go with it." - Lealanie Guerrero, junior



"One of my favorite things to do in my free time is songwriting. It allows me to share my thoughts and/or stories that cannot always be put into words." - Haley Hsu, freshman



"My hobby is watching movies and I picked this up as a child because my parents would always take us to the movies." - Hannah Noble, freshman.



"I just recently got back into reading for fun, something I haven't done since I was in middle school." - Diana Cardenas, senior

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Washington's
King 1st Black
female assistant
position coach

Washington promoted Jennifer King to assistant running backs coach Tuesday, making her the first Black female assistant position coach in the NFL.

She is the second woman in league history to be an assistant position coach after Tampa Bay's assistant defensive line coach Lori Locust. King spent the 2020 season as a full-year coaching intern under Ron Rivera and worked with running backs coach Randy Jordan.

Rivera said King came to Washington eager for the opportunity and is deserving of the promotion.

"The sky is truly the limit for her," Rivera said. "She got the chance to experience not only the in-season work that goes into being a full-time coach in this league but also the countless hours that are spent preparing in the offseason, as well."

"She demonstrated all of the qualities that are needed to work full time on my staff. She is a hard worker, a great communicator and a quality person. Coach King is always eager to learn and has shown tremendous growth since starting here last season."

King previously interned for Rivera

with the Carolina Panthers and has also been an assistant at Dartmouth College and for the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football.

"I am very pleased to have coach King back to assist me full time in the running backs room," Jordan said. "She was extremely helpful last year in seeing the game from a different perspective, and she was a tremendous communicator in our room. I look forward to continuing to collaborate as we move forward in our program and as she moves forward in her coaching career."

Washington's playoff game against the now- Super Bowl-bound Buccaneers was the first NFL playoff game to have a female coach on each sideline. Tampa Bay had two: Locust and assistant strength and conditioning coach Maral Javadifar, and coach Bruce Arians called women in coaching "the wave of the future."

"This game, it's a tremendous game," Rivera said. "It should be open to everybody in terms of opportunities to play, opportunities to coach or opportunities to lead the organization. I think that's an important message that the league is putting out there."

Chiefs coach Reid's patience
in struggling players pays off

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mecole Hardman trudged to the sideline as the Bills trotted onto the field, then slumped onto the bench and tossed a huge Kansas City Chiefs coat over his head like a shroud as Buffalo took advantage of his fumbled punt for an easy touchdown.

It was an enormous mistake in the opening minutes of the AFC championship game on Sunday, and Chiefs coach Andy Reid could have easily given his young wide receiver the cold shoulder. Reid could

have sent someone else back to field punts the rest of the game, or directed plays designed with Hardman in mind to his plethora of other playmakers.

Instead, the old coach went right back to him.

He had Patrick Mahomes throw a pass to Hardman two plays later, then capped the ensuing 80-yard drive by scripting an inside screen play for him that went for a touchdown. And when the Chiefs got the ball back again, the first play Reid

called was an end-around that went for 50 yards, setting up another touchdown that gave Kansas City a 14-9 lead.

The Chiefs never trailed again in a 38-24 victory that sent the defending champions back to the Super Bowl.

It's not the first time that Reid has stuck with a struggling player. Whether it's a quarterback that throws an interception or a wide receiver that drops a pass, chances are good that Reid will call specific plays to get them right back in the game.

Baseball gathers behind home
plate to honor Hammerin' Hank

ATLANTA (AP) — Brian Snitker choked back tears as he remembered Hank Aaron's affection for those who didn't possess his unparalleled talent on the baseball field.

During his post-playing career running the Atlanta Braves farm system, the Hammer had a penchant for looking beyond the can't-miss prospects.

"He always wanted to move a player up, and he preferred that it wasn't the so-called bonus babies," said Snitker, who has managed the Braves since 2016 and got his start in the dugout thanks to Aaron. "He wanted to get

that grinder guy, the guy who was over-achieving."

Snitker was among those who spoke Tuesday at a memorial service honoring Aaron, who died last week from natural causes at the age of 86.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, Hall of Famer Chipper Jones and former Braves outfielder Marquis Grissom were among those who spoke at the ceremony, which was held before a small, socially distanced crowd — including Aaron's widow, Billye, and other family members — on the concourse directly behind home plate at Truist

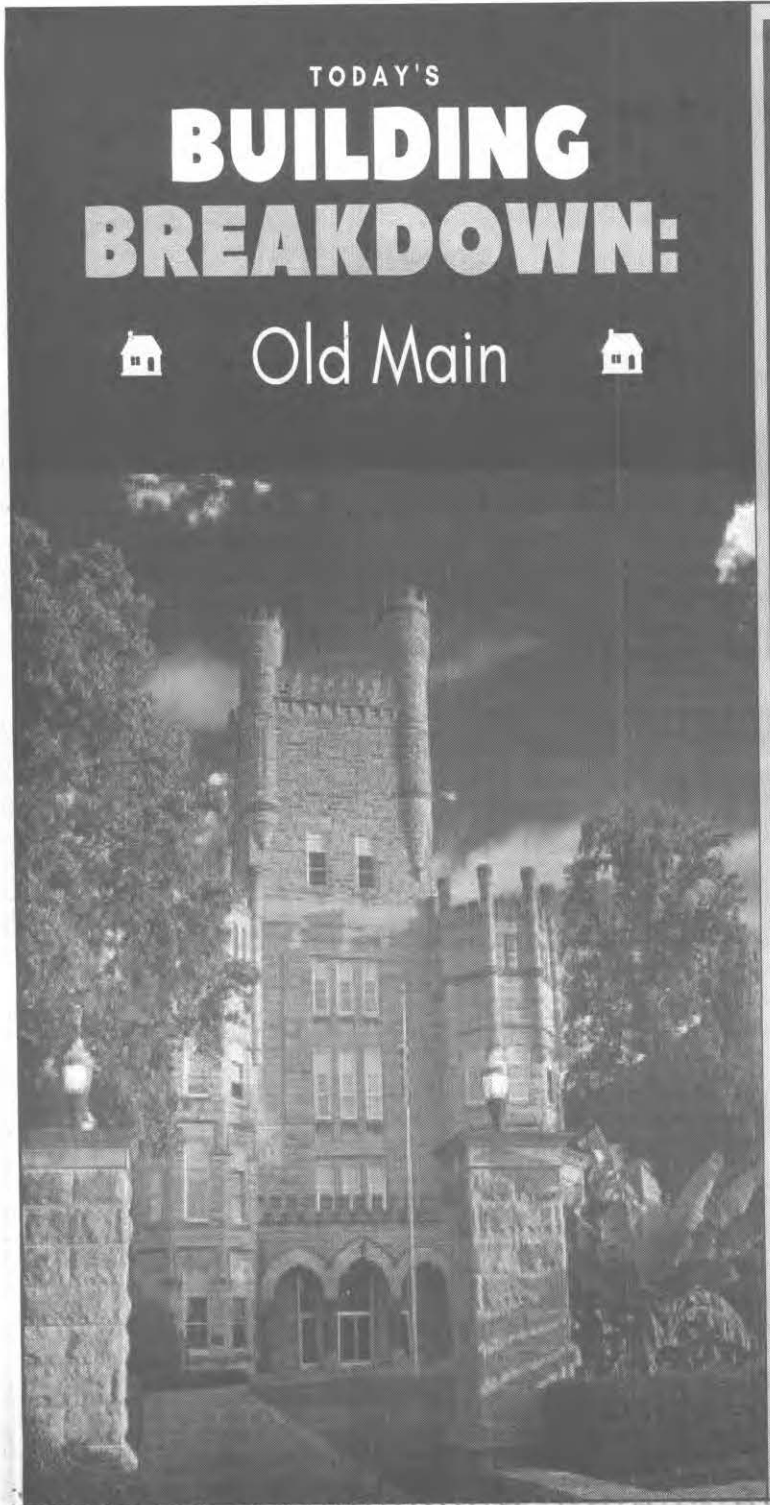
Park.


The remarks were delivered in an exhibit known as Monument Garden, which prominently features a statue of Aaron delivering the swing that produced 755 homers.

Others sent videotaped tributes, including Baseball Hall of Famers John Smoltz and Tim Lincecum, one-time Aaron teammate and current Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker, reigning National League MVP Freddie Freeman, and former Braves great Dale Murphy, who captured back-to-back MVP awards in the 1980s.

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Short-handed Panthers lose 6th straight

By Adam Tumino
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Only seven players were available for the Eastern men's basketball team against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Tuesday evening, with some players out due to COVID-19 protocols and others dealing with regular injuries.

Despite the Panthers being undermanned, the score was close for much of the game before the Cougars pulled ahead late to win 87-74. With its sixth-straight loss, Eastern fell to 2-7 in OVC play.

The game was the first makeup game between the Panthers and Cougars, who had three games postponed this season due to COVID-19 protocols.

Eastern head coach Jay Spoonhour said he thought the team responded well given the difficulty circumstance of competing with just seven players.

"I think they did great," he said. "It's hard to say that when you lose by 13 and give up a lot of points, but there was a limit to what we could do on defense."

Eastern's defense did allow five Cougar players to score in double figures, led by junior guard Carlos Curtis with 18. The Cougars shot 53.2 percent from the field as a team.

Eastern's offense also shot well, outshooting Southern Illinois-Edwardsville with a percentage of 53.4.

Four Eastern players scored in double figures, led by senior guard Marvin Johnson with a career-high 28 points. Johnson shot 12-of-19 from the field and 2-of-3 from three-point range and also led the team with 6 rebounds and 4 assists.

Senior guards Josiah Wallace and

Deang Deang finished second and third on the team with 20 points and 11 points respectively and sophomore forward Madani Diarra scored 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting.

Spoonhour said that Wallace was dealing with a hamstring injury, but wanted to play given the lack of available players. "(Wallace) is not moving very well, but he's gutting it out," Spoonhour said. "He's had two trainers say he shouldn't play, he had me say 'you probably shouldn't play,' and he's just like 'I really want to try.'"

Deang played in his seventh game this season after missing the early part of the season recovering from an injury that ended his 2019-20 season.

He set new season highs with his 11 points, which all came in the first half, and 26 minutes.

"It's good to see him back," Spoonhour said. "He's still working his way back, and it just takes some time."

Healthy and available players will be important for the Panthers heading forward, as Tuesday's game was the first in a stretch of six games in 12 days.

"It's what the situation is this year," Spoonhour said. "We all said, 'well, we just want to play ball.' And that feels and sounds great, and I talked to them and said 'hey, there's going to be some crazy things happening this year, we just got to be tough and get through it.' But when you're really going through it it's not so much fun."

Eastern plays next on Thursday on the road against Tennessee-Martin. The game is scheduled to tip off at 8 p.m.

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Eastern guard Marvin Johnson throws a pass toward the sideline in a game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Jan. 26. Johnson scored a career-high 28 points in the game, an 87-74 loss for the Panthers.

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